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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Governing Council,

Recalling the mandate of the United Nations Development Fund for Women as set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984,

Recognizing the contribution of the United Nations Development Fund for Women to the identification and the pursuit of strategies to integrate women into the mainstream development agenda, and the Fund's innovative and catalytic activities to promote women's own contributions to national economies,

Acknowledging the role played by the United Nations Development Fund for Women in placing women's concerns on the international agenda for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as well as the Fund's commitment to strengthening its advocacy role to accelerate positive change in the status of women worldwide,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1993/41);

2. Also takes note of the continuing policy advice given to the Administrator by the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

3. Recognizes the importance of the contribution of the United Nations Development Fund for Women to international preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in September 1995, including facilitating the participation of women's organizations in it, fostering of cooperation among groups, between governments and non-governmental organizations, and between men and women, for a more gender-responsive development agenda, as well as efforts to raise public awareness of the objectives of the Conference;

4. Calls upon the United Nations Development Fund for Women to continue its active support to the United Nations Development Programme and the other members of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy in gender-related programme

areas and to further a positive working relationship with other United Nations bodies in order to integrate gender concerns and women in their development activities;

5. Renews its appeal for increased voluntary financial support to the United Nations Development Fund for Women, bearing in mind its important responsibilities in the coming years as outlined in the present decision.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 91/39 of 25 June 1991,

Recalling also the Final Act of the Eighth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and more particularly the call in section F, paragraph 218 thereof, for more funding to the United Nations Capital Development Fund in light of the increased number of least developed countries,

Mindful of the relevant provisions of Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development which advocate poverty reduction and participatory development strategies to promote sustainable development,

Noting with concern that voluntary contributions to the United Nations Capital Development Fund declined in 1991 and 1992,

1. Takes note of the biennial report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/1993/42);

2. Notes that the implementation of the present partial funding formula has allowed for the highest level ever of programming in 1991 and a record level of programme expenditure in 1992;

3. Notes with concern that the commitment capacity of the Fund through the decade will be seriously impaired by current funding trends, including the continuation of the decline in voluntary contributions to the Fund;

4. Invites the Administrator to explore all possible options and modalities for mobilizing additional resources as well as to look into ways and means for closer cooperation with other multilateral financing institutions and to submit his findings and recommendations to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994);

5. Notes that the use of the loan facility within the United Nations Capital Development Fund is proceeding satisfactorily; and in this context endorses the Administrator's proposal for the continuation of the loan facility, as contained in paragraph 37 of the report of the Administrator;

6. Takes note of the area-based programme approach of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, with its emphasis on decentralization and increased collaboration with local government institutions and grass-roots organizations in the various stages of United Nations Capital Development Fund-financed development activities, as described in paragraph 55 and further of the Administrator's report;

7. Notes that following its thematic review on participatory eco-development, and because of its presence in the most remote and often environmentally fragile regions of least developed countries, the United Nations Capital Development Fund is well placed to direct its support to programmes that promote community participation and balance the economic and environmental imperatives of beneficiary populations;

8. Invites the Administrator to outline his plans for the future of the United Nations Capital Development Fund for presentation to the Governing Council at its forty-second session (1995) with a view to identifying any potential reorientation of the Fund's original mandate as well as to preserving its autonomy and identity as a United Nations Development Programme-administered fund in light of new requirements and priorities of recipient countries and increasing demands on the international community;

9. Renews its appeal for increased voluntary financial support to the United Nations Capital Development Fund as the main multilateral small-scale grant investment fund for the least developed countries, in order for the Fund to continue to respond to the rapidly growing needs of its recipient countries.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Humanitarian Programme

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and Governing Council decisions 91/17 of 25 June 1991 and 92/20 of 26 May 1992,

1. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing Governing Council decision 92/20 and requests the Administrator to continue efforts to ensure its full implementation;

2. Commends the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs for the work of the Disaster Management Training Programme in promoting capacity-building in the field of disaster mitigation and in training United Nations system staff at the country level and encourages those in a position to do so to contribute financially to the programme;

3. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to work closely with the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction in disaster prevention and mitigation activities and urges the Programme to participate actively in the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction to be convened from 23 to 27 May 1994 in Yokohama, Japan;

4. Welcomes the written provisions for a more structured working relationship between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, as contained in annex I of document DP/1993/HP/CRP.3, which provide a sound basis for future cooperation and urges that these provisions be put into effect as soon as possible;

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5. Reaffirms, in the context of paragraph 7 of Governing Council decision 92/20, the need to develop an operational framework, under the overall authority of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, identifying the roles and responsibilities of all the system's operational entities at the various phases of the relief-to-development continuum bearing in mind the overlapping mandates and unidentified areas of responsibilities and requests the Administrator to support actively Department of Humanitarian Affairs initiatives in this direction;

6. Emphasizes the need for close cooperation among the United Nations Development Programme, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and resident coordinators to ensure that resident coordinators are in a position to execute their emergency coordination functions effectively and to contribute to promoting the transition from relief through rehabilitation to sustainable development, particularly through the promotion and use of national capacity;

7. Stresses the need for the United Nations Development Programme to continue to develop its substantive and technical capacity to support the transition process from relief through rehabilitation to sustainable development and to support resident coordinators in their emergency coordination function in close cooperation with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

8. Decides to maintain the Humanitarian Programme for the 1994-1995 biennium and to continue to fund one L-4 and one L-5 post from Special Programme Resources during this period;

9. Requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994)..

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 47/199

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of the operational activities of the United Nations development system,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the section of the Administrator's report dealing with the implementation of resolution 47/199;

2. Requests the Administrator, working together with the rest of the United Nations development system, to strengthen further the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme to implement resolution 47/199, both in the framework of the activities of the Programme, and within the relevant inter-agency coordination mechanisms;

3. Also requests the Administrator to ensure that the Governing Council receives appropriate feedback on the implementation of resolution 47/199, especially at the field level, including any problems identified;

4. Further requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994).

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

National execution and agency support costs

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system,

Also recalling its decisions 90/26 of 22 June 1990, 91/31 of 25 June 1991 and 92/22 of 26 May 1992 on agency support costs, and its decisions 90/21 of 22 June 1990 and 91/27 of 21 June 1991 on national execution,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report on national execution and agency support costs (DP/1993/22);

2. Welcomes the training that has been carried out on a tripartite basis in the field in the new arrangements for agency support costs and encourages further training efforts to ensure that the new facilities are effectively utilized;

I. EXECUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

3. Welcomes the increased use of national execution in the United Nations Development Programme-assisted programmes and projects in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 47/199, in which it is reiterated that national execution should be the norm for programmes and projects supported by the United Nations system; calls upon recipient countries, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme as requested by the countries concerned, to assess

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carefully national capacities for carrying out execution responsibilities before approval of such programmes and projects; encourages greater use of United Nations specialized agencies in the design, technical appraisal and backstopping of nationally executed projects;

II. AGENCY SUPPORT COSTS

4. Takes note of the status and estimates of the financial provisions for the new support cost arrangements set out in document DP/1993/22;

5. Endorses the proposal of the Administrator contained in paragraph 19 of document DP/1993/22 related to the provisions of Indicative Planning Figure add-on in respect of nationally implemented projects approved before 1 January 1992;

TSS-1

6. Welcomes the progress made in the implementation of the TSS-1 work programme for the 1992-1993 biennium and the initial positive results reported; agrees that the formulation of the 1994-1995 work programme should be carried out in the field and be governed by national priorities and needs; requests the Administrator to submit the 1994-1995 work programme for information to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1994;

TSS-2

7. Urges acceleration of the pace of approvals of TSS-2 funding of United Nations Development Programme-financed projects in accordance with the guidelines established for the use of TSS-2; also urges greater involvement of United Nations specialized agencies, through the use of TSS-2, in the design and formulation of United Nations Development Programme-financed programmes and projects, irrespective of implementation modalities;

8. Invites the Administrator to continue his consultations with the smaller technical agencies on issues specific to them with a view to seeking their full incorporation into the new support cost arrangements;

Monitoring and evaluation

9. Reaffirms that an external independent evaluation of the new arrangements should be carried out during 1994 and the results provided to the Governing Council for review at its forty-first session (1994);

10. Requests the Administrator to hold informal consultations with Member Governments early in 1994, on the implementation and planned evaluation of the new support cost arrangements;

11. Also requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision at its forty-first session (1994).

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Least developed countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/206 of 21 December 1990 and 46/156 of 19 December 1991 on the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and its implementation,

Stressing the importance of full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in order to give the least developed countries the prospect of sustained and sustainable development,

Noting with concern the further deterioration of the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries,

Welcoming the increased concentration of the indicative planning figure resources of the United Nations Development Programme on the least developed countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the least developed countries (DP/1993/18);

2. Endorses the priorities identified by the Administrator to assist in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, namely, aid coordination and economic management and human development;

3. Stresses the need and importance of strengthening the national capacities of the least developed countries;

4. Requests the Administrator to strengthen further the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme addressed to the special needs and priorities of the least developed countries, particularly in the fields of environment and poverty alleviation;

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5. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to contribute in the forging of stronger links between national and global follow-up of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries by further enhancing its collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

6. Requests the Administrator to take into account the additions to the list of least developed countries;

7. Also requests the United Nations Development Programme to assist in providing the necessary support to the preparations for the mid-term review in 1995 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, and in mobilizing funding for the participation of least developed countries;

8. Recalls paragraph five on the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries of its decision 91/16 of 25 June 1991 on least developed countries; and reiterates its appeal to all countries in a position to do so to continue to support least developed countries through other facilities of the United Nations Development Programme focusing on the needs of least developed countries, such as the United Nations Capital Development Fund and others, including trust funds and cost-sharing arrangements;

9. Requests the Administrator to strengthen the overall capacity of the United Nations Development Programme, including the role of its focal point, to deal with the needs of the least developed countries in line with the recommendation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries;

10. Also requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its forty-second session (1995) of specific measures that the United Nations Development Programme has taken to address the special needs and priorities of the least developed countries in line with paragraph 4 of its decision 91/16.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (DP/1993/43),

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992, invited the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to assist the countries covered under its mandate in their preparations for and participation in the negotiating process for an international convention on desertification and to mobilize resources for this purpose,

Recalling the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and, in particular, chapters 12 and 38 of Agenda 21 on land degradation and desertification, and on new institutional arrangements, respectively,

Taking note of the important contribution of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, in particular in their preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Recognizes the important role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in the implementation of follow-up activities to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

2. Encourages the Administrator to strengthen the substantive role and maintain the identity of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as focal point within the United Nations Development Programme for all matters related to drought and desertification control, in accordance with the ongoing process of its integration into the core programme of the United Nations Development Programme;

3. Decides that the experience and technical expertise of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in drought and desertification control should be made available to all affected countries, in particular those in Africa;

4. Encourages the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to assist the affected countries, in particular in the framework of the negotiations regarding an international convention on desertification, in line with General Assembly resolution 47/188;

5. Renews its appeal to governments and organizations to contribute to the general resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as well as to the account established by the Office for assistance in preparation for the international convention on desertification and, in this context, requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on alternative ways and means of financing the work of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

6. Reconfirms its support to the United Nations Development Programme-United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office/United Nations Environment Programme joint venture for the implementation of chapter 12 of Agenda 21 in the countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly in Africa;

7. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994), on an exceptional basis, on the implementation of the present decision; in addition, the Administrator's report should provide information on ways of utilizing the experience and expertise of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in programmes of the United Nations Development Programme in all countries affected by drought and desertification.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991,

Also recalling its decision 92/19 of 26 May 1992 on the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

Noting efforts of the African countries to achieve political, economic and social reforms and the need to sustain, widen and deepen such efforts,

Concerned that the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s since its adoption may not be fulfilling expectations despite recent positive steps taken by the Secretary-General and the Administrator,

Noting the decline of United Nations Development Programme core resources, about half of which support African programmes, at a time when net resource flows to the region are declining,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the development situation in Africa and the proposals contained therein (DP/1993/17);

2. Requests the Administrator to contribute fully to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and in this context to strengthen coordination with the whole United Nations system, particularly with the Office of Special Coordinator for Africa and Least Developed Countries;

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3. Calls upon African countries to pursue vigorously their responsibility and commitment under the New Agenda to achieve sustained and sustainable growth and development, to promote cooperation and regional and subregional integration, to intensify the process of democratization, to encourage investment and to integrate population issues into the development process;

4. Also calls upon the international community to assist African countries in their efforts to achieve accelerated growth and human-centred development on a sustainable basis through seeking to find durable solutions to the African debt crisis, providing adequate resource flows, diversification of African economies, enhanced market access, and support of African regional integration;

5. Renews its appeal to the international community to consider increasing contributions to the United Nations Development Programme to cover the projected shortfall in resources available in the fifth programming cycle, taking into account the needs of Africa;

6. Appreciates the support of the United Nations Development Programme for the democratization processes in the region, for humanitarian assistance and in tackling the development implications of the HIV/AIDS pandemic;

7. Notes with satisfaction the operationalization of the National Long-Term Perspective Studies and the African Capacity-Building Initiative and encourages the United Nations Development Programme to focus these programmes so that they may contribute to a much needed holistic and coordinated approach to development;

8. Welcomes the decision of the Government of Japan to host the International Conference for the Development of Africa in October 1993 and encourages the participation and support of the international community;

9. Welcomes also the establishment of Capacity 21 and calls upon the Administrator to continue the efforts with African Governments and institutions at national and regional levels to implement Agenda 21, inter alia, in the context of the elaboration of the International Convention on Drought and Desertification, as appropriate;

10. Requests the Administrator to work closely with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and to participate actively in the Department's inter-agency coordination mechanisms to ensure effective and coordinated international response to emergency situations in Africa and to encourage the rapid move from emergencies to rehabilitation and sustainable development;

11. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to support regional and subregional cooperation and integration in Africa with the view to enhancing the efficiency and relevance of the institutions established to that effect;

12. Further requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the overall activities of the United Nations Development Programme in Africa and on the implementation of the present decision and to consider at that session the frequency of future reports.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Technical cooperation in support of the transition to a market economy and democracy in countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992, and in particular its paragraph 48, and 47/187 of 22 December 1992,

Also recalling Governing Council decisions 91/24 of 25 June 1991, 92/8 of 14 February 1992, 92/29 of 26 May 1992 and 92/43 of 26 May 1992,

Noting the relevant parts of the annual report of the Administrator as contained in document DP/1993/10/Add.1, and the views expressed thereon at its current session,

Recognizing the complexity and difficult nature of the transition,

1. Notes with interest the activities undertaken so far by the United Nations Development Programme to elaborate and implement, together with interested governments and United Nations specialized agencies, programmes for technical cooperation in support of the transition;

2. Requests the Administrator to develop further the strategy of the United Nations Development Programme in assisting these countries in transition to a market economy;

3. Encourages the Administrator to offer to share the experience gained in the transition to a market economy with interested countries;

4. Invites the international community to increase the flow of resources to assist these countries through the technical cooperation activities of the United Nations Development Programme, taking fully into account that this should not be to the detriment of existing programmes.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

United Nations technical cooperation activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 46/232 of 3 March 1991, 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and 47/212 B of 6 May 1993,

Also recalling its decisions 90/37 of 22 June 1990, 91/38 of 25 June 1991 and 92/34 of 26 May 1992,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities (DP/1993/39 and Add.1-3);

2. Stresses the need to improve further the technical focus of the Department for Development Support and Management Services, especially through the United Nations regular programme of technical cooperation;

3. Takes note of the Thirteenth Biennial Meeting of National Recruitment Services held at Cairo in March-April 1993 and organized by the Department for Development Support and Management Services, in close cooperation with the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and of the Cairo Plan of Action embodying the recommendations of that meeting;

4. Encourages the Department for Development Support and Management Services to help to strengthen national capacities for programme management and project execution and implementation, in responding to the needs of developing countries;

5. Requests the Department for Development Support and Management Services to pay particular attention to improving its preparation and appraisal of projects and its capacity-building techniques within its area of competence;

6. Requests the Department for Development Support and Management Services to ensure that its technical cooperation activities are undertaken with full attention to General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and in particular to the respective functions and responsibilities of recipient governments and the resident coordinators;

7. Stresses the importance of the clarification of an effective and efficient division of labour between the Department for Development Support and Management Services and other United Nations organs dealing with technical cooperation, especially the United Nations Development Programme, with particular attention to coordination issues, taking full account of the relevant provisions of its decision 92/34 and General Assembly resolution 47/212 B and requests the Administrator to include information on progress made in his report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994);

8. Invites the Secretary-General to provide a more analytical review of the technical cooperation activities of the Department for Development Support and Management Services to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994).

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

HIV, AIDS and development

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 92/14 of 26 May 1992, in which the Council called for, inter alia, an assessment of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme to combat HIV/AIDS and a review of its policy framework,

Noting the report of the Central Evaluation Office entitled "UNDP support for the Global Programme on AIDS: the country perspective" and the report of the Administrator (DP/1993/12), as well as the views expressed by members on this agenda item at its current session,

Recognizing that a multisectoral response is required to strengthen efforts in preventive measures against, and in reducing the increasing social and economic consequences of, the pandemic, and that a wide range of United Nations agencies need to coordinate in a coherent and cost-effective manner,

Also recognizing the important role of the United Nations Development Programme in assisting governments to build their national policy-making capacity to identify, analyse and plan for the socio-economic impact of the pandemic,

1. Encourages the Administrator to adopt a combined community-based and multisectoral approach to HIV and AIDS work at the country level;

2. Supports fully World Health Assembly resolution 46.37 of 14 May 1993, in which the Director-General of the World Health Organization is requested to study, in close consultation with all organizations and bodies concerned within the United Nations development system, the feasibility and practicability of establishing a joint and co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS and to develop options for such a programme;

3. Requests the Administrator to cooperate fully in the consultative process established in World Health Assembly resolution 46.37 to carry out the study.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Technical cooperation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1992/41 of 30 July 1992, in which all parties were called upon in the development effort to make concerted, planned and vigorous endeavours to benefit from the utilization of the capacities of developing countries by giving their full support and first consideration to the use of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries,

Noting with appreciation the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its eighth session as contained in document DP/1993/L.9,

Requests the Administrator, in cooperation with other organizations of the United Nations development system, to facilitate the implementation of decisions 8/1 and 8/2 of 4 June 1993 of the High-level Committee on the review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries as contained in annex 1 of document DP/1993/L.9.

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Regional cooperation for protection of vulnerable ecosystems

The Governing Council,

Recognizing that Agenda 21 calls on the United Nations Development Programme to take a leading role in assisting recipient countries to build their capacities in support of sustainable development and their capacity to implement Agenda 21,

Recalling further the reports of the Administrator on environment and development (DP//1993/11) and on regional economic integration (DP/1993/14),

Taking note of the need for protection of vulnerable ecosystems such as large bodies of water, including the Caspian Sea, Lake Victoria and others, bounded by more than one country,

1. Requests the Administrator to take cognizance of the need to protect vulnerable ecosystems and the consequent particular environmental problems faced by countries bordering on bodies of water shared by multiple countries;

2. Urges the Administrator to use the various programming mechanisms available to him to respond to these problems should he be so required.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Request for "as if" LDC status from the Government of Albania

The Governing Council,

Having considered the request from the Government of Albania for "as if" LDC status (documents DP/1993/67 and Add.1),

Requests the Administrator to provide additional information on this subject for further consideration at its special session in 1994.

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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Office for Project Services

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and 47/212 B of 6 May 1993,

Bearing in mind that the strengthening of the role of the United Nations Development Programme as a central funding and coordinating agency is an integral part of the restructuring proposals of the Secretary-General,

Also bearing in mind that the activities of the Office for Project Services should be part of a coordinated approach to development by the United Nations system,

Concerned to ensure that the Office for Project Services is able further to improve its existing levels of efficiency, flexibility and cost-effectiveness,

1. Takes note of Governing Council documents DP/1993/20 and DP/1993/70;

2. Also takes note of the fact that the present supervisory responsibilities for the Office for Project Services of the Governing Council, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, including the responsibility of the Governing Council for approving the administrative budget of the Office for Project Services, will remain unchanged;

3. Underlines the continuing need for transparent reporting on the activities of the Office for Project Services, including through the timely provision of annual financial statements and audit reports;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the steps taken to integrate functions and eliminate duplication between the Department for Development Support and Management Services and the Office for Project Services;

5. Accepts the outlined modalities for the transfer of the Office for Project Services as set out in document DP/1993/70, subject to the following requirements and on the understanding that the modalities will be clarified further and solutions reached prior to the transfer taking place and that the date of 1 January 1994 should be regarded as a target date pending review by the General Assembly, taking into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (DP/1993/46):

(a) The Office for Project Services must have the maximum possible degree of autonomy;

(b) The Office for Project Services must continue to work in close collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and, in particular, should ensure that the present close links with resident representatives in the field are maintained, including through the fullest appropriate use of the services of United Nations Development Programme field offices on a reimbursable basis with adequate accountability;

(c) The Office for Project Services must develop further its collaboration with other parts of the United Nations system including, in particular, with the specialized agencies;

(d) The Office for Project Services must have the ability to maintain its high level of expertise and staff commitment by being able to retain, develop and recruit high quality staff, including through the maintenance of the present rotation mechanism with the United Nations Development Programme, the retention of its existing practices and procedures relating to staff development and mobility and by the establishment of appropriate arrangements with the United Nations Secretariat;

(e) The Office for Project Services must remain fully self-financing with the capacity to adapt operational processes as necessary, and, in order to meet contingencies, it must have a reserve fund, the volume and maintenance of which is to be determined by the Council, based on proposals submitted by the Office for Project Services Management Board;

(f) The Office for Project Services must have the freedom to utilize the most cost-effective central services, including those of the United Nations Secretariat or the United Nations Development Programme;

(g) The Office for Project Services must retain and improve further its present Rules of Procurement;

(h) The Office for Project Services must have the power to negotiate and conclude agreements for its implementation services with recipient Governments, United Nations departments, the United Nations Development Programme, bilateral donors and international financing institutions with due regard to the principles of multilateral assistance;

6. Supports the continuing role to be played by the United Nations Development Programme in the development of, and as signatories to, Management Services Agreements, as specified in paragraph 7 of the report of the Administrator (DP/1993/20);

7. Stresses that the Office for Project Services should not develop fund-raising capacities;

8. Requests the Administrator, together with the Department for Development Support and Management Services and other relevant bodies, to prepare a timetable for the transfer of the Office for Project Services, indicating when implementation arrangements are to be in place and what they are to be;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Administrator, to address the concerns of the Governing Council expressed in the present decision and, in particular, those in paragraph 5 (a)-(h), in the context of preparing and submitting the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Administrator, to present detailed information regarding the arrangements to give effect to the principles in paragraph 5 (d) by 1 September 1993;

11. Further requests the Administrator, in collaboration with the Secretary-General, to convene informal consultations on the modalities, as detailed in the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995, prior to their consideration by the General Assembly, which should be held at the earliest convenient date, taking into account the timing of their review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

12. Decides to reconvene, if necessary, for a one-day special session to make any appropriate recommendations on the modalities detailed in the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 and commented upon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and on the information provided by the Secretary-General on staffing arrangements, prior to consideration of the issue by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (1993);

13. Decides to review the impact of the transfer of the Office for Project Services on the activities and functions of the United Nations Development Programme at its forty-first session (1994) on the basis of a report by the Administrator;

14. Decides to review the implementation of the staffing arrangements of the Office for Project Services at its forty-second session (1995) on the basis of a report by the Secretary-General.